

Join the first pan-African expert network  
on food and non-food biomass  
July 12, 3pm-6pm  
FIW, Heussallee 18-24, Bonn

## BiomassNet inauguration and networking meeting

**Venue:** [Forum Internationale Wissenschaft](#) (FIW), Heussallee 18-24, 53113 Bonn

**Date:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

**Please register for the BiomassNet inaugural meeting at:** <http://biomassweb.org/biomassnet/>

**Deadline:** July 10, 2017. The registration is free of charge.

### Program

3:00-3:45 **Welcome address**

Dr. Manfred Denich, Project Director BiomassWeb / *Center for Development Research (ZEF)*

Dr. Eva Leiritz, *Project Management Jülich (PTJ)* on behalf of *German Federal Ministry for Education and Research*

Barbara Schweiger, *German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)* on behalf of *German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development*

**Keynote: „Toward a Sustainable Bioeconomy in Africa“**

Prof. Dr. Joachim von Braun, Chair of the *German Bioeconomy Council*

**Moderator**

Prof. Dr. Zeyaur Khan, *International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe)*

3:45-4:00 **Launch of the interactive BiomassNet online platform**

Dr. Raymond Jatta, *Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)*

PD Dr. Christine B. Schmitt, Project Leader BiomassNet / *Center for Development Research (ZEF)*

4:00-4:15 **Coffee Break**

4:15-4:50 **Parallel networking sessions** (details below)

4:50-5:00 **Closing remark and outlook**

Dr. Adebayo Abass, *International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)*

until 6:30 **Opportunity to continue networking** with drinks and finger food

## Parallel networking sessions

(5 min stand-up presentation plus 2 min discussion for each speaker)

### Session 1: Production and processing of biomass (Moderator: Dr. Daniel Callo-Concha, ZEF)

- 04:15 Michael Kwaku, International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR), Ghana:  
Bamboo biomass energy potential development in Africa
- 04:22 Goran Schmidt, University of Hamburg, Germany:  
BIOHOME - Building materials made from bio-based and recycling resources
- 04:29 Heinz J. Sturm, ICEPS CTC BONN / Bonn Climate Project, Germany:  
Renewable energy and sector coupling projects for developing countries
- 04:36 Nana Afranaa Kwapong, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana:  
Promoting investment in agro-processing, value addition and postharvest facilities in Ghana
- 04:43 Bertrand Nero, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana:  
Climate change impacts on the tropical forest and food security in Ghana

### Session 2: Household welfare and biomass markets (Moderator: Dr. Girma Kelboro, ZEF)

- 04:15 John-Baptist S. N. Naah, University of Bonn, Germany:  
Community-level analyses of biomass-based value webs: The case of smallholder farmers in Ghana
- 04:22 Temitayo Adeyemo, University of Ibadan, Nigeria:  
Impact of the cassava value web on food security of smallholder households in Nigeria
- 04:29 Muhammed Usman, University of Bonn, Germany:  
Market access, food security and nutrition: A case study in the Yayu agroforestry system, SW Ethiopia
- 04:36 Ermias Engida Legesse, University of Bonn, Germany:  
Household welfare implications of agricultural intensification amid of land scarcity: Mid-term scenarios for Ethiopia
- 04:43 Victor Okoruwa, University of Ibadan, Nigeria:  
Innovative financing and investment in Agriculture: What option for Africa?

### Session 3: Biomass and sustainability (Moderator: Dr. Till Stellmacher, ZEF)

- 04:15 Zeyaur Khan, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe), Kenya:  
The 'push-Pull' farming system: delivering climate-smart, sustainable agriculture for cereal-livestock production in Africa
- 04:22 Jan Börner, University of Bonn, Germany:  
STRIVE –Sustainable TRade and InnoVation transfer in the bioEconomy: from national strategies to global sustainable development goals
- 04:29 Daniel Neuhoff, University of Bonn, Germany:  
The GlobE Project: 'Wetlands in East Africa - Reconciling future food production with environmental protection'
- 04:36 Jan Henning Sommer, University of Bonn, Germany:  
Supporting IPBES capacity building in West Africa (WABES)
- 04:43 Benjamin Abugri, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana:  
Integrating the BiomassNet into FARADatainformS for Sustainability

If you still want to register a presentation for the networking session and in case of questions, please contact Ms. Jelana Vajen, Center for Development Research (ZEF), (phone: 0228 734972, e-mail [jva-jen@uni-bonn.de](mailto:jva-jen@uni-bonn.de)).

You can bring along posters, leaflets and other information about your projects and organisations as there will be pinboards and an information desk at the meeting.

**Background:**

BiomassNet aims at supporting African countries in achieving food security and developing sustainable bioeconomies through the exchange of knowledge and expertise between experts involved in science, policy and practice. The focus is on Africa because many African countries still struggle to attain food security, while facing new demands for biomass as a source of income, energy and industrial raw materials.

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